

NOTE: The President spoke at 3:03 p.m.

Memorandum on Determination To Waive Military Coup-Related Provision of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008, With Respect to Pakistan

March 24, 2008

Presidential Determination No. 2008–16

Memorandum for the Secretary of State

Subject: Determination to Waive Military Coup-Related Provision of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008, with Respect to Pakistan

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including section 1(b) of Public Law 107–57, as amended, I hereby determine and certify, with respect to Pakistan, that a waiver of section 608 of the Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2008 (Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2008, Public Law 110–161; the “Act”):

- (a) would facilitate the transition to democratic rule in Pakistan; and
- (b) is important to U.S. efforts to respond to, deter, or prevent acts of international terrorism.

Accordingly, I hereby waive, with respect to Pakistan, section 608 of such Act.

You are authorized and directed to transmit this determination to the Congress and to publish it in the *Federal Register*.

George W. Bush

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Remarks Following a Meeting With the 2008 Bassmaster Classic Champion and 2007 Women’s Bassmaster Tour Champion

March 25, 2008

The President. I’ve got the fishing champs from this year. And, Judy, thanks for coming.

Judy Wong. Oh, thank you.

The President. She is from Many, Louisiana. She won the Women’s Bassmaster. And Alton Jones from Waco, Texas, won the Bassmaster Classic.

And I thought it was important to welcome these champs here to the White House so that—you know, to encourage people to fish. There’s nothing better than fishing. I had a fantastic experience with Alton and our friend Charlie Pack. He was a famous local fisherman, and he said, “Do you want to go fishing with a fellow named Jones?” I said, “I’ve never heard of him. There’s a lot of people named Jones.” [Laughter] It turns out, the man I was fishing with is the—wins the Bassmaster Classic.

This is a good, clean sport. It’s a sport that requires good conservation in order to make sure our fisheries are good. And I love welcome the champs here. And so we’re glad you’re here.

Ms. Wong. Thank you.

The President. The people in Louisiana and Texas are proud of you.

Alton Jones. Well, it’s an honor to be here. You know, fishing with you, I’ve got to say that President Bush is actually a very good fisherman and a great conservationist. And I’m really not sure who’s working who here. I’m hoping to get an invite to fish on his lake in Crawford.

The President. That’s right.

Mr. Jones. And he’s looking for a free fishing guide. [Laughter]

Ms. Wong. I would be glad to take you any day on Toledo Bend.

The President. That’s good.

Ms. Wong. Okay.

The President. Well, thank you, Judy.

Ms. Wong. And bring Laura as well.

The President. Well, yes, she’s—I’m a good fisherman; sometimes I’m a good catcher-man. [Laughter]